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Important Information in this issue you won't want to miss!

****LGPOA Annual Meeting & Potluck Picnic - this month!**

****LGPOA Annual Membership Drive**

****Environmental Update - We need YOU for a month of mornings!**

Spring Break tips...Police Protection

As we prepare for our Spring Break visitors, islanders and visiting guests will be reassured by the additional police officers hired by the LGPOA. Each officer that's new to our unique island is briefed by Sherriff Ed Trentacosta and receives an island customs orientation from an LGPOA board member.

What can you do to help if you have guests?

1. Are adults staying at your home to supervise your younger guests?
2. We all know litter occurs, sometimes accidentally, please encourage your guests to pick up after themselves and others.
3. If your guests have pets, provide or ask them to bring waste bags for animal clean up. Remind them to bring their leashes!
4. Carts need at least a flashlight for travel at night on the island. Encourage people to drive slow and be mindful of other islanders.
5. Store fishing equipment out of site and secure your golf carts.

We know these "island customs" are expected on the island, but visitors may not. Please share them to make the island a better place for everyone!

****LGPOA Annual Meeting & Potluck Picnic**

From Vice President, Rhonda Olson:

This years Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Picnic will be held at the Placida Beach Condos on Saturday, March 30th. The meeting will start at 11am and the picnic will follow.

Bring a chair, a side dish or dessert to pass and your neighbor! The food is always so delicious. Your dues provide the main course, two sides, paper products and water. Bring a beverage of your choice if you'd like.

**** LGPOA Annual Membership Drive**

From Membership Chair, Dawn Bokar:

Being a Member of the LGPOA means you get the most accurate and updated information on island news and happenings. Current LGPOA memberships will expire on April 30, 2019, the last day of the LGPOA's fiscal year. On or before April 30th, we invite you to join the LGPOA or renew your membership. You can do so by using the online form at www.lgpoa.org/membership or you can complete and send your paper submission via US mail. 2019 membership packets will be mailed soon. Thank you!

****Environmental - help**

From Florida Wildlife Commission Permit holders for LGI, Laura, Lena and Ava Dallas:

Sea turtle nesting has begun on the east coast of Florida. The first leatherback nest was reported recently in Palm Beach County. Sea turtle nesting season is approaching on LGI, let's be prepared! The season runs from May 1 to October 31. Please remind renters and guests to remove beach furniture and trash from the beach daily, even if the trash isn't yours. Please keep lights out on your beachfront homes and no flashlights should be used on the beach, except those with filters.

We need YOU, anyone who has a month to devote to walking a short section of beach daily...especially on the Preserve beach and the southern tip of the island. If you can help, please contact me at jddal@aol.com. Many members of our team are not on island all season so we need YOU to work as fill ins - not the entire season. If you are interested, we need to get you to the training on April 19, so don't delay! It's less expensive than a gym membership and it's early morning exercise. The best part is helping an endangered species of our island. Baby turtle releases are extremely fun and rewarding and educating our island guests is also a rewarding experience!

Turtle Patrol team members include: Lena, Laura and Ava Dallas, Linda Soderquist, Judy McCoy, Marietta Abele, Ken Falsheimer, Steve Spielman, Jennifer McCullough, Captain Lori and Melissa, Bill Underhill and our newest team members are William and Raphaela Myers. Please thank them all when you see them out and about!

Please feel free to email me at twrhonda@gmail.com with any information you'd like circulated in the next month's Coconut Telegraph by the 25th of the month. Content is reviewed by board members for approval.

Rhonda Olson